



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BJ 2008 - 84

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 29:724(A) confers upon the governor the power to issue executive orders which shall have the force and effect of law;
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Proclamation No.51 BJ 08, a state of emergency was declared and is currently in effect;
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 29:724 (D)(2) confers upon the governor the power to utilize all available resources of the state government and of each political subdivision of the state as reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency;
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 29:724 (D)(3) confers upon the governor the power to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 29:724(D)(7) confers upon the governor the power to make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing;
- NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1:** The following thirty (30) school districts will suspend classes for Tuesday, September 2, 2008, and Wednesday, September 3, 2008:
- Avoyelles, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, Tensas, Union, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll, and Winn.
- SECTION 2:** As determined by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Hurricane Gustav could possibly move into Central and North Louisiana bringing substantial rain and possible flooding.
- SECTION 3:** The governor is authorized to close schools for emergency purposes to protect public health and safety of the citizens of Louisiana.
- SECTION 4:** Each Superintendent of Education for each school district in the above-referenced parishes shall order the closure of each educational facility under its direction.
- SECTION 5:** The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall make efforts to work with the superintendents and local boards of education to minimize any disruption which may result from this Executive Order.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 30th day of August, 2008.

/S/ Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE